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SUBJECT: FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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1. WAYNE FREDERICKS OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY TELEPHONED
MR. ATHERTON TO REPORT THE UNDERSTANDING AT FORD CONCERNING
THE REMOVAL OF FORD FROM THE ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT LIST.
FREDERICKS SAID THE PROCESS OF GETTING FORD REMOVED FROM
THE BOYCOTT LIST IS MAKING PROGRESS. IT IS TO BE TAKEN
UP AGAIN AT THE JULY MEETING OF THE BOYCOTT COUNCIL.
MR. ATHERTON CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF WHERE THE MATTER CURRENTLY LIES.

2. FORD IS STILL HAVING PROBLEMS, FREDERICKS SAID, IN
GETTING TOGETHER ITS INVESTMENT PROPOSAL IN A FORM THAT
WOULD MAKE IT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. FORD OFFICERS PLAN
TO VISIT CAIRO IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY TO DISCUSS
FURTHER WITH EGYPTIANS THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT. FREDERICKS
SAID THEY ARE HOPEFUL OF HAVING A FINAL PROPOSAL IN SHAPE
BY THE END OF MAY. KISSINGER

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